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**TADA! Youth Theater's
2008-2009 Season
will include the family musicals**

***Golly Gee Whiz,
Everything About A Family (Almost),
and Little House Of Cookies***

NEW YORK, NY - **TADA! Youth Theater** (Janine Nina Trevens, *Executive & Artistic Director*), the City's "best known children's musical theater" announces three great productions for the whole family. The season will begin with the musical ***Golly Gee Whiz***, book and music by Eric Rockwell and book and lyrics by Joanne Bogart. Followed by the world premiere of ***Everything About A Family (Almost)***, conceived and written by members of the TADA! Resident Youth Ensemble with music by various composers and lastly ***The Little House of Cookies***, book by Janine Nina Trevens, Music and Lyrics by Joel Gelpe at **TADA! Theater (15 West 28th Street)**.

Marking its 10th anniversary, *Golly Gee Whiz* is a fun and frolicking family musical based on the classic Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney films of the 1930's. It is 1939 and even the town of Happyville is depressed, especially the kids. But what can a group of kids do to change the town's economy? "Hey, kids let's put on a show!" says Mickey. "I know my father's got a barn!" exclaims Judy. They are sure it will be such a great show that folks will come from miles around to see it, and re-establish Happyville as the bustling town that it once was. This musical has a book and music by Eric Rockwell and book and lyrics by Joanne Bogart will be directed and choreographed by Joanna Greer with musical direction by Jim Colleran. **Performances January 9th- February 15th**

TADA! will continue the season with one from the much beloved, "***Everything About***" series, which the NY Times has called "delightfully comic" and this year we learn ***Everything About A Family (Almost)***. This lively musical is conceived by the TADA! Resident Youth Ensemble where members will literally "co-author" the book through improvisation and theater games, and will feature music by a variety of artists. Family has never been this fun! **Performances: April 17th- May 17th**

Finally, TADA! will close the season with first musical ever produced at TADA! This "scrumptious musical" ***The Little House Of Cookies*** has a book by Janine Nina Trevens; Music and Lyrics by Joel Gelpe. An adaptation of Eleanor Clymer's *The Tiny Little House*, ***The Little House Of Cookies*** follows some neighborhood kids as they come up with the idea to use an abandoned house as a 'boys-only' clubhouse. But this house has a different plan; when they try to enter, the door becomes too small for them. However, Jane and Alice have no problem turning the house into a homemade cookie shop. That is, until the mean old landlord arrives to collect rent... **Performances: July 10th - August 1st**

TADA! Youth Theatre will also present the free ***Staged Readings Series, Monday October 20th 2008***. The first reading will be at 5pm and present plays for **Family Audiences** including ***The Letter*** by Jess Poyer and ***Jumping on the Couch*** by Scott Huguenin. The second will be at 7pm presenting plays for **Teen Audiences** including ***Never Give Up*** by Regina Washington, ***Nite Lights*** by Rachel Kempf, and ***A Midsummer's Day Day Dream*** by Lowell Williams.

Along with their stage productions and in-school educational programs TADA! Offers a 12 week class during the fall (September 20th thru December 15th) and an 8 week class in the winter (January 10th thru March 16th.) in addition to their famed "Week-longs Camps" throughout the year.

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Staged Musicals:

***Golly Gee Whiz* (Jan. 9 – Feb 15th)**

Playing Schedule: Opening Night, Friday, January 9 at 7PM; Saturday and Sunday at 2PM and 4PM
January 21 (MLK day) and Presidents Day (February 18) at Noon & 2PM

School Performances: Jan. 29 & Feb. 8 at 10AM & Noon; **VIP Performance** Feb. 4 at 7PM

Everything About A Family (Almost). (April 17th– May 17th)

The Little House Of Cookies (July 10th – August 1st)

TADA! Theater, is located at 15 West 28th St., Second Floor (btwn Broadway and 5th Ave), NYC

Tickets: Adults \$20, Children \$8.

Premium tickets support TADA! Theater while enjoying a show and include reserved seating for adults and guaranteed front-row bench seats for children.

Premium tickets: Adults \$25, Children \$15.

For reservations, more information about TADA! Youth Theater classes, camps, scripts, private performances or how to bring TADA! to your school, , please visit

www.tadattheater.com or call (212) 252-1619

Ms. Janine “Nina” Trevens is available for interviews to discuss the wonderful near-quarter century of creating family musicals at TADA! Please contact Springer Associates PR (212 354 4660) to arrange press tickets or interviews

About TADA! And TADA!'s Mission: Co-founded in 1984 by Janine Nina Trevens and Linda Reiff, TADA! Is a unique, non-profit, 501(c)3 youth theater that produces original musicals performed by New York City kids ages 8-18 for family audiences; a year-round Resident Youth Ensemble composed of over 70 NYC kids ages 8-18; renowned education programs in more than 47 public schools; theater classes taught by professional teaching artists, and an annual one-act playwriting contest and free staged reading series geared towards teen actors and audiences. TADA! provides young people of different backgrounds the opportunity to explore and perform theater together in an educational, supportive, and professional environment. TADA! introduces musical theater to children through performances and classes, thereby creating theater artists and audiences for the future. Young people gain self-confidence and learn commitment, responsibility, communication and teamwork—these skills are critical to young people's success both in school and in life.